

Appl. No. 10/034,224
Amdt. dated October 7, 2004
Reply to Office action of July 7, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received the Office Action dated July 7, 2004, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-23 as anticipated by Constien, (U. S. Patent No. 6,259,932). In this response, Applicants amend claims 1, 4, 5, and 12. Based on the amendments and arguments contained herein, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Prior to its amendment, claim 1 required a "display having an external casing in which a plurality of recess cavities are formed" and the recess cavities were usable for mating a radio module and an antenna module. Constien discloses a device that is a combination cellular telephone and computer. Applicants find it difficult to discern from the Office Action how the Examiner interprets Constien as disclosing a display having an external casing in which a plurality of recess cavities are formed and that are usable for mating a radio module and an antenna module. Clarification is respectfully requested to the extent that the Examiner continues to reject claim 1 over Constien.

At any rate, Applicants amend claim 1 to now require that the recessed cavities are not only provided¹ in an external casing of a display, but that the recessed cavities are "externally exposed." Claim 1 has also been amended to require that "at least one recessed cavity is adapted to receive a radio module and another recessed cavity is adapted to receive an antenna module, the radio module being electrically connected to the antenna module." Constien simply does not disclose that "member 1," which comprises the telecommunication unit and display 13 (see, for example, Fig. 2) provides a plurality of externally exposed recessed cavities in which at least one of the cavities can be used for a radio module and another of the cavities can be used for an antenna module. Constien shows an antenna that resides within a hinge 8 connected to member 1, but that structure can hardly be considered to be a "recessed cavity" within a display casing. At least for this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 and all claims that depend from claim 1 are allowable over Constien.

¹ The verb "formed" has been changed to the verb "provided" to broaden the claim in this respect.

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Because Applicants believe that independent claim 1 is clearly patentable over Constien, no commentary regarding the dependent claims is deemed necessary. Nevertheless, Applicants submit that some or all of the dependent claims are patentable for additional reasons. For example, dependent claim 4 requires that the casing of the display include cavities for a plurality of radio modules. With regard to claim 4, the Examiner pointed to Figures 1-3 in column 6, line 54 through column 7, line 22 of Constien. Applicants have reviewed these passages of Constien and do not find any teaching or even a suggestion of a plurality of radio modules for Constien's device. Claim 4, as well as claims 5 and 6, has been amended to carry forth the "externally exposed" feature of claim 1. Thus, for claim 4 to be unpatentable over Constien, Constien would have to have a plurality of externally exposed recessed cavities for a plurality of radio modules. Applicants simply do not find any teaching or suggestion of this feature in Constien.

As amended, independent claim 12 is directed to a "display for an electronic device having a plurality of externally exposed recessed cavities." Further, claim 12 requires that "radio and antenna modules can be removably inserted to provide a wireless communication capability for said electronic device." As explained above, Constien does not disclose a plurality of such externally exposed recessed cavities in its member 1. Further, Constien does not teach or suggest that any of its components, much less a radio or antenna module, can be "removably" inserted into the device of Constien. For either or both of these reasons, Applicants believe claim 12 and all claims that depend from claim 12 are allowable over Constien. Applicants also amended claim 12 to remove "formed herein." This phrase is not considered necessary for patentability.

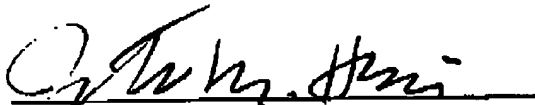
In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicants may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining

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the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the cited art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any fees or time extensions are inadvertently omitted or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Hewlett-Packard Company Deposit Account Number 08-2025 and enter any time extension(s) necessary to prevent this case from being abandoned.

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